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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO COMMENTS ON PAKISTAN-AFGHAN
RELATIONS

THE FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM CONSUL PESHAWAR.

1. DURING COURSE OF CURRENT VISIT TO NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE, PRIMIN BHUTTO BRIEFLY ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN. SPEAKING TO GATHERING OF PAKISTAN PEOPLES' PARTY WORKERS IN PESHAWAR ON MAY 2, PRIMIN SAID HE WISHED TO EXTEND HAND OF FRIENDSHIP TO KABUL BUT REITERATED THAT NO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN PAKISTAN'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS WOULD BE TOLERATED. EMPHASIZING THAT TWO COUNTRIES HAD COMMON HISTORY AND TRADITIONS, PRIMIN SAID PAKISTAN WAS VERY DEEPLY INTERESTED IN WELFARE OF THE AFGHANS WHO ARE "OUR BROTHERS AND NOT OUR ENEMIES". HE SAID HE APPRECIATED EFFORTS BEING MADE IN KABUL TO PROVIDE AFGHANS WITH PROGRESSIVE CONSTITUTION AND SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY IF POOR PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN WOULD BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE FRUITS OF DEMOCRACY.

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2. REFERRING TO REPORTED RECENT STATEMENT BY
AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAUD THAT FOREIGN POWERS WOULD INTER-
FERE IF PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN CLASHED, PRIMIN SAID
IT WAS NOT MATTER OF PRIDE TO SAY THAT ONE SHOULD RELY
ON A FOREIGN POWER DURING A WAR. AS FAR AS PAKISTAN WAS
CONCERNED, HE EMPHASIZED, "WE DEPEND ON OUR OWN STRENGTH".

3. COMMENT: PRIMIN SAID NOTHING NEW, BUT HIS REMARKS
REFLECT A MORE RELAXED FEELING TOWARD AFGHANISTAN
THAN THE SHARP WARNING STATEMENTS HE MADE ON HIS
PREVIOUS VISIT TO FRONTIER LAST NOVEMBER.
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